

### **REMARKS**

By this amendment, the applicant has elected Group I, claims 1-8 for prosecution, claims 9-15 being withdrawn but subject to rejoinder once prosecution is completed on the elected Group. The applicant also elects species B, "longitudinal", and identifies claims 3 and 10-13 as encompassing the elected invention, claims 1 and 5-8 being from the elected group and being generic claims.

Based on the above, favorable consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested. However should the examiner believe that direct contact with the applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of the application, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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